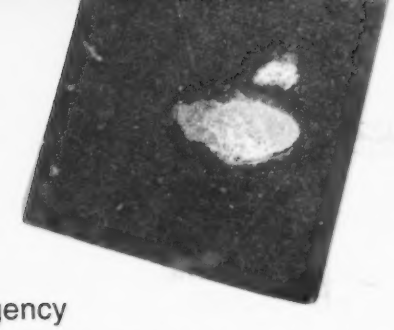

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Forty-first regular session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference[1/], the Director General hereby notifies all Members of the Agency that the forty-first regular session of the General Conference will open at the Austria Center Vienna[2/] on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. It is expected that the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Agency's Statute will be marked by senior ministerial and/or other high-level attendance or messages. Information on activities planned to mark the occasion will be made available at a later date.

2. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (Saturday, 27 September and Sunday, 28 September 1997), facilities will be made available for group meetings. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving early agreement on organizational matters and thereby contributing to the smooth running of the session, ensuring - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms may be reserved through the Secretariat's Conference Service Section (tel. no.: + 43 1 2060/21323).

3. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure, the Director General has drawn up the attached provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Board of Governors. In the annotation to each item a suggestion is made, for consideration by the General Committee, as to where it should first be discussed - in plenary or in a committee.

4. Should the Director General receive by 30 August 1997 any request under Rule 13 for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda, such an item will, unless Rule 21 applies, be placed on a list which will be circulated not later than 9 September 1997.

1/ GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

2/ The Austria Center Vienna is located Am Hubertusdamm 6, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee[3] *Plenary*

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the General Conference will be called upon to elect a President. The President will propose for election the names of eight Vice-Presidents and the name of a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Also, under Rule 40 the Conference is required to appoint a General Committee consisting of the President, the eight Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and five additional members elected on the proposal of the President.

2. Applications for membership of the Agency *Plenary*

The Conference will have before it recommendations by the Board of Governors regarding applications for membership of the Agency. Documents GC(41)/2 and GC(41)/3 contain Board recommendations regarding applications by Malta and Burkina Faso respectively.

3. Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations *Plenary*

It is expected that a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be delivered.

4. Statement by the Director General *Plenary*

The Director General proposes to make a statement to the Conference.

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[3] As stated in paragraph 2 of the cover note, facilities are being made available for area groups to meet during the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session. It is hoped that this measure will help area groups to reach agreement on their nominees for membership of the General Committee before Monday morning so that the work of the Conference can proceed without delay.

5. Arrangements for the Conference

(a) Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items for initial discussion — *General Committee*

The General Committee is required to report to the Conference under Rule 42(a) on the provisional agenda set forth in the present document and on any supplementary or additional items (Rules 13 and 15). The Conference will then approve the agenda (Rule 14) and allocate the items for initial discussion.

(b) Closing date of the session and opening date of the next session — *General Committee*

The Conference is required, under Rule 8, to set the closing date of the session and, under Rule 1, to set the opening date of the forty-second (1998) regular session after considering recommendations made by the General Committee.

6. Approval of the appointment of the Director General — *Plenary*

Under Article VII.A of the Statute, the Director General is appointed by the Board of Governors with the approval of the General Conference for a term of four years. The term of the Director General ends on 30 November this year.[4/] On 5 June 1997, the Board appointed Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei to the post of Director General, to serve from 1 December 1997 to 30 November 2001. In document GC(41)/5 the Board is seeking the Conference's approval of this appointment.

7. Contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1998 — *Plenary*

Member States will be urged to pledge contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1998 and attention will be drawn to the fact that such pledges of contributions can be made during the session.

8. General debate and statements marking the 40th anniversary of the Agency — *Plenary*

Under Article V.E.4 of the Statute, the Conference is required to consider the Agency's Annual Report for the year 1996, which the Board has approved (GC(41)/8).

[4/] See resolution GC(XXXVII)/RES/608, operative paragraph 1.

It is expected that statements will be made to mark the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Agency's Statute.

9. Election of Members to the Board of Governors ***Plenary***

The Conference will be called upon to elect 11 Members to the Board[5/]. Under Rule 83, the President will indicate to the Conference those elective places on the Board which must be filled so as to ensure that after the end of the session the Board will be constituted in accordance with Article VI.A.2 of the Statute. In document GC(41)/6 the Board informs the Conference of the designations it has made for membership on the Board in 1997-98.

10. The Agency's accounts for 1996 ***Committee of the Whole***

In accordance with Rule 12(i), the Agency's accounts for 1996, together with the External Auditor's report thereon and the report of the Board, are being communicated to the Conference in document GC(41)/9.

11. The Agency's budget for 1998 ***Committee of the Whole***

Under Article V.E.5 of the Statute, the Conference is called upon to approve the Agency's budget for 1998 in accordance with estimates for the Agency's expenses which the Board, pursuant to Article XIV.A, is submitting to it in document GC(41)/10.

Under this item, the draft Medium Term Perspective for the years 1998-2003 will be submitted for the Conference's information (GC(41)/INF/2).

12. Scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget ***Committee of the Whole***

Pursuant to Article XIV.D of the Statute, a proposed scale of assessment of Members' contributions towards the Regular Budget for 1998 will be submitted to the Conference.

5/ The terms of office of Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Romania and Saudi Arabia will expire at the end of this year's regular session (see document GC(39)/RES/DEC(1995), decision number GC(39)/DEC/10).

13. Measures to strengthen international co-operation in nuclear, radiation and waste safety

(a) Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(40)/RES/11 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that a report will be submitted to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 3.

(b) Measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues: Establishing predisposal waste demonstration centres *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(40)/RES/12 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that a report will be submitted to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 3.

14. Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report (in document GC(41)/4) on the implementation of resolution GC(40)/RES/13 as requested in its operative paragraph 6.

15. Plan for producing potable water economically *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(40)/RES/14 as requested in its operative paragraph 5.

16. Extensive use of isotope hydrology for water resources management *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(40)/RES/15 as requested in its operative paragraph 6.

17. Strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system — *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(40)/RES/16. It is expected that the Director General will report to the General Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 8.

18. Measures against illicit trafficking in nuclear materials and other radioactive sources — *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to submit a report to the General Conference as requested in operative paragraph 4 of resolution GC(40)/RES/17.

19. Personnel questions

(a) Staffing of the Agency's Secretariat — *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report on the implementation of resolution GC(40)/RES/18 as requested in its operative paragraph 2.

(b) Women in the Secretariat — *Committee of the Whole*

This sub-item is included in the provisional agenda to enable the Director General to report to the General Conference on the implementation of resolution GC(40)/RES/19.

20. Article VI of the Statute — *Committee of the Whole*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to General Conference resolution GC(40)/RES/20 (Amendment of Article VI of the Statute) and decision GC(40)/DEC/14 (Composition of regional groups).

The Conference will have before it a report by the Board of Governors on a package of proposals dealing with both of these matters submitted by the Chairman of the Board (GC(41)/11), including a proposal for amending Article VI.A of the Statute submitted by Canada (GC(41)/12). Another proposal submitted by Sudan on behalf of the African Group of Member States (GC(41)/13) as well as a proposal for amending Article VI.A of the Statute submitted by Morocco in 1995 (GC(41)/14) will also be before the Conference together with the Board's observations on all proposals.

21. Appointment of the External Auditor *Plenary*

The Conference appointed the present External Auditor to audit the Agency's accounts for the years 1996 and 1997.[5] It will therefore be necessary for the Conference to make an appointment again this year for 1998 and 1999. The Conference will have before it a recommendation by the Board (GC(41)/7).

22. Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of resolution GC(40)/RES/4, in which the General Conference decided last year to include in the agenda for its forty-first regular session an item entitled the "Implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons".

23. The implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(40)/RES/21 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that, as requested in operative paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq.

24. Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East *Plenary*

This item is included in the provisional agenda pursuant to resolution GC(40)/RES/22 adopted by the General Conference last year. It is expected that the Director General will report to the Conference on the implementation of the resolution as requested in its operative paragraph 9.

25. Examination of delegates' credentials *General Committee*

Under Rule 28 the General Committee, meeting as a credentials committee, will examine the credentials of all delegates and report thereon to the Conference.

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[5] See document GC(39)/RES/DEC/(1995), decision number GC(39)/DEC/17.

26. Elections to the Agency's Staff Pension Committee *Plenary*

It is expected that the Conference will be called upon to elect one or more members of the Agency's Staff Pension Committee.

27. Report on contributions pledged to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1998 *Plenary*

It is expected that pledges of contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 1998 will be obtained during the Conference and that a report thereon will be communicated to the Conference by the President.